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Mariene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DE 20554

RE: Docket No. 07-16 (Broadband Internet)

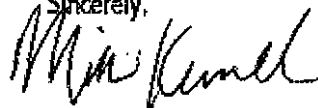
Dear Mrs. Secretary:

Your committee serves a historically important role in the lives of all Americans. Without proper communication, it doesn't matter who you are or what other resources you may have, you are going to lose to those who have proper, up-to-date communication resources.

Our nation depends on the innovation and can-do attitude of industry to get the important needs of consumers met. One area where we are lagging is in the availability to all citizens of broadband internet. While some may try to argue that this is an unnecessary commodity, I guarantee that they are not the ones trying to email sons and daughters at college in another state, marketing a product, organizing any type of community event, fundraising, researching, etc.

I would like to encourage your committee to carefully examine the market as it stands now and take into consideration how much it is worth to enhance the communication tools Tennesseans, and Americans, deserve.

Sincerely,



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State Representative

CC: FCC Chairman, Kevin Martin
FCC Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, Tate
Fred Campbell, Chief, Wireless Bureau
Senator Alexander
Senator Corker